

## Student loan limits, interest rates raised

By Stuart Gitlow

Higher student loan interest rates and increased debt ceilings are the foremost results of the Education Amendments of 1980 bill, signed into law by President Carter earlier this month. Despite these changes, "prospects for increased overall funding are not very good," according to MIT Director of Student Financial Aid Leonard Gallagher.

A limit of \$60 billion of federal funds has been allotted to post secondary education through 1985, according to the amendments. The bill, in addition to reauthorizing existing procedures included in the Higher Education Act, establishes the new loan policies.

During the signing ceremony for the documents, Carter proclaimed that the bill "provides support to students in all kinds of institutions... private institutions as well..."

Although National Direct Student Loan (NDSL) limits have been raised from \$5000 to \$6000 (for all undergraduate years), the interest rate for new borrowers has been increased from three to four percent. Furthermore, the "current 9-to-12 month grace period is reduced to 6 months for all students beginning repayment," according to the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities.

### NewsWatch

## Bombings spotlight neo-fascists

By David Lingelbach

Recent bombings in Germany, France, and Italy have focused attention on the neo-fascist movement, which has gained notoriety in Europe over the past several years. Professor Suzanne Berger of the Political Science Department, a Guggenheim Fellow in France over the past year, discussed with *The Tech* the internal politics of the Western European nations.

Stressing the dissimilarities between the neo-fascist organizations in Europe and other rightist movements in the world today, Berger pointed out that the European fascist groups do not seem to be connected with the religious community; nor are they fundamentally religious in nature. Unlike Khomeini's Islamic fun-

When asked if he thought the increased NDSL limits would affect MIT students, Gallagher was pessimistic. "The NDSL loans are based on an application from each university. There is competition among colleges for appropriations. The limit changes don't mean we'll get more money from the federal government."

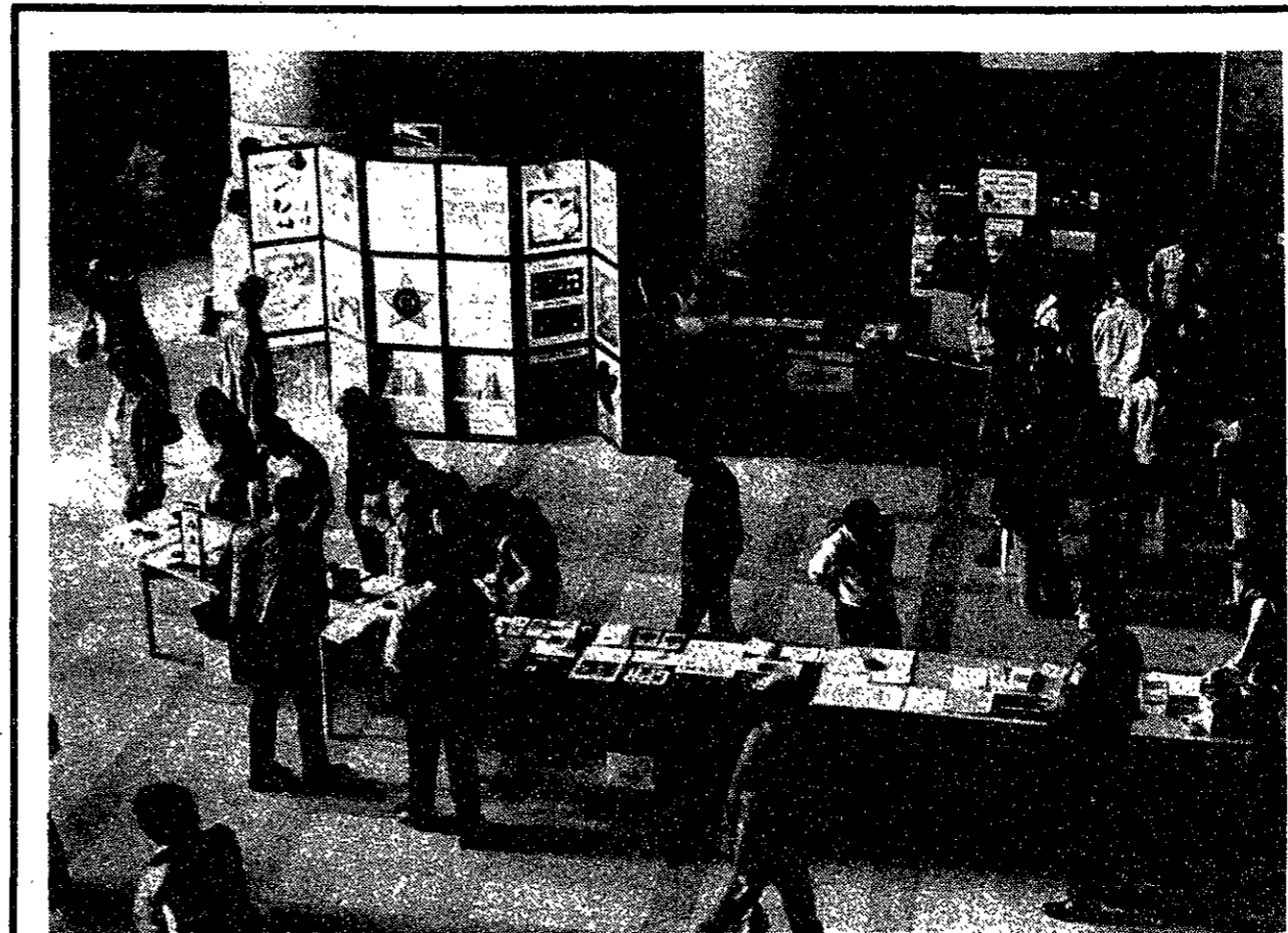
The Guaranteed Student Loan Program (GSL) has been restructured to allow parents a longer period of time in which to repay loans. This new program would allow parents to borrow up to \$3000 annually, up from \$2500, towards a total of \$15,000 on behalf of their dependent children. Loan repayment must begin within sixty days of graduation. Meanwhile, under the same program, independent students may borrow \$3000 annually with interest rates being raised from seven to nine percent for new borrowers. Student participants in this year's GSL will not pay the new higher interest rate.

"Independent students," according to Gallagher, "must meet three requirements: they must not be listed as tax-dependents, have parental support of less than \$1000, and they must not have lived with their parents for more than a minimal period per year. These requirements must all be met for the prior year and the current year for the student to be eligible."

damentalist movement or Libya's Muammar Qaddafi's Islamic unity campaign, these fascist groups do not seem to enjoy the support of the people, Berger said.

Most governments in Western Europe permit the formation of extreme right-wing political parties. In the case of Italy, Berger said, one party, the Movimento Sociale Italiano (Italian Social Movement), has had success in getting deputies elected to parliament. Neither France nor Germany, she said, currently have neo-fascist representation in their national legislatures. Berger noted that terrorist groups, which may be informally attached to legitimate political parties, are outlawed in all Western European countries.

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Students in Lobby 7 peruse through materials exhibited by Campus Patrol during Crime Prevention Week. (Photo by Steve Cohen)

## Reagan advisor: Europe falls towards Soviet domination

By Alain d'Heurle

A foreign affairs advisor of Ronald Reagan, Harvard Professor Richard Pipes, asserted at MIT last Thursday that the US must stop the slide of Western Europe towards neutrality and Soviet domination. "The US can-

not tolerate Europe's acting like an unfaithful wife," he told an audience at the Center for International Studies.

Although a Soviet frontal attack on Western Europe is not to be feared as long as the NATO forces and the US nuclear "umbrella" stand, Pipes said, there is increasing danger of Soviet hegemony over Western Europe and Japan. He added that a gap is widening between the US and its allies. In order to persuade French President Giscard d'Estaing and West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt to reverse the

present European trend, we must take a hard line, using political, economic, and even military leverage, he said, suggesting that the 300,000 US troops in Europe could be used to this end. When asked if such coercion would not constitute blackmail, he answered, "Let's not call it blackmail; let's call it arm-twisting. It's what is at the heart of any negotiation, really."

Detente is doomed to failure because it stems from the false premise that the US and the USSR share essentially similar in-

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## LSC mulls investment

By Julie Tiao

The MIT Lecture Series Committee (LSC) is considering a change in its by-laws to allow the committee to invest its money in private companies, such as Money Mart, according to LSC Chairman Dan Perich '81.

The LSC by-laws currently specify that committee funds must be stored in government guaranteed institutions, such as banks. The highest interest rates now obtainable on readily available funds is about 5 1/2 percent in guaranteed institutions (NOW accounts). By allowing the committee to invest its "lag fund" in Money Mart-type companies, the floating interest rate is raised to the vicinity of 7 1/2 percent. The increased interest revenue would be a significant gain for

LSC, as Perich estimated the lag fund at any given time to be several thousand dollars.

The lag fund is produced during the time lag between incoming movie revenues and outgoing lecture fees and movie payments. Perich explained. He emphasized that the funds invested in Money Mart would be immediately available upon request. The additional interest earned by using the Money Mart system will allow the LSC to sponsor more lectures without further increasing student movie ticket prices, he added.

The proposed change in the LSC by-laws has been approved and recommended by the LSC executive committee, and it will be voted upon by the general committee at their November 3 meeting.



Richard Carson '83, Tom Stefanick '79, Dave Brackman '82, and Dan Allen '82 appear in Shakespeare's drama *Henry IV Part II*, performed by the MIT Shakespeare Ensemble Oct. 24, 25, and 27, in the Sala de Puerto Rico. (Photo by Rick Parker)

Italy is the country most devastated by terrorist violence, both leftist and fascist. In addition to the Bologna railroad station bombing in August, which killed 84 and injured 180, there have been killings aimed at eliminating opposition to neo-fascist causes. Berger said that a judge in Rome was murdered recently by rightists; the judge had been preparing a case against Italian fascist groups and he had substantial dossiers on a number of these organizations.

Berger stated that fascist movements in Italy began in 1919-20, mainly as a response to the rise of socialist political parties in that country. Similar to France, Italian rightist movements before the rise of socialism tended to be more moderate and a relatively minor influence on national government.

Whether neo-fascism in Europe will spread and grow is doubtful, said Berger. There is no formal

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